

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claim rejections set forth in the Office Action dated January 5, 2007.

Summary

Claim 1 is currently amended. No new matter is added as a result.

Claim 5 is added.

Claims 1 and 3 – 4 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1, 3, and 4 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lin (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2003/0212841).

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a control unit that is operable to transmit data from the first buffer memory to the host computer only after the transmission approval command is received from the host in response to the resume signal.

Lin fails to disclose or suggest the relationship between resume signal and a transmission approval command. More specifically, Lin fails to teach a control unit that is operable to transmit data from the first buffer memory to the host computer only after the transmission approval command is received from the host in response to the resume signal. The Examiner cites PC 100a as the host computer and PC 100b as the peripheral device. Lin fails to suggest PC 100b waiting to transfer data to the PC 100a until an approval signal is received in response to a resume signal. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable over the cited reference.

Dependent claims 3 and 4 depend from allowable claim 1, so are allowable for at least these reasons.

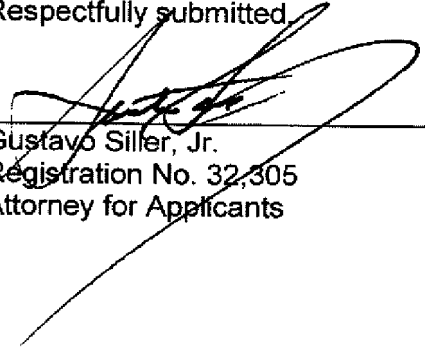
New claim 5 depends from allowable claim 1, so is allowable for at least this reason. Further limitations of the dependent claim are allowable over the cited reference. For example, claim 5 recites the peripheral device includes the first buffer

memory and the second buffer memory. Lin teaches a device 30 that includes FIFOs 34 and 38 [Figure 2]. The PCs 100a and 100b are connected to the device 30 [paragraph 0020].

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seek an early allowance thereof. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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